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SUBJECT: BRITISH MILITARY AID TO KENYA

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE FCO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THAT
HMG WILL SHORTLY AIRLIFT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF MUNI-
TIONS TO NAIROBI TO FULFILL URGENT KENYAN REQUESTS. TWO
RAF HERCULES AND ONE CIVIL AIRCRAFT ARE DUE TO LEAVE
BRITAIN WITH THE SUPPLIES BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK.

2. THE KENYANS HAVE REQUESTED AND THE BRITISH HAVE
AGREED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING: A) 2,000 ROUNDS OF
81MM MORTAR; B) 1,000 SMOKE ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR; C)
50,000 ROUNDS OF 20MM HEAT (FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS); D)
30,000 ROUNDS OF 30MM (FOR ADEN CANNONS ON HUNTER AIR-
CRAFT); E) 10 BL755.

3. THE BRITISH WISH THAT THIS SUPPLY INFORMATION BE
HELD CLOSELY. RELATIONS WITH IDI AMIN ARE ALREADY SO
STRAINED THAT NEWS OF RAF TRANSPORTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO KENYA COULD SERIOUSLY ENDANGER THE UK COMMUNITY RESI-
DENT IN UGANDA.

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